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Orlofsky Escapes from Moye.

Prisoner Allowed Liberties Jumps Through Car Window at Oakland.

A news dispatch from Oakland California, conveys the following information regarding the escape of Henry Orlofsky from Sheriff Moye who was bringing the prisoner from Seattle to Clovis to answer certain charges:

Oakland, Cal., May 24—Henry Orlofsky, a pawn broker, wanted in Clovis N. M., for the alleged theft of jewelry valued at \$3,000, jumped from a moving Southern Pacific train here today and escaped.

Orlofsky was arrested recently in Seattle and was being brought south by Sheriff D. L. Moye, of Curry county New Mexico. He had not been handcuffed and was sitting by an open window as the train approached Oakland. Suddenly, he made a quick, clean dive through the window. When the train was stopped, he could not be found.

Orlofsky was arrested some weeks ago at Seattle on advices from the New Mexico authorities. He resisted extradition and his case was carried to the supreme court of Washington state. He secured his liberty on bond in the meantime. The supreme court a few days ago handed down an opinion that he was liable to extradition and he was again taken into custody and turned over to Sheriff Moye, who started for New Mexico with the prisoner.

Wagner Appointed

Postmaster.

The News rejoices with the friends of A. B. Wagner over the welcome news received Tuesday evening that he had been at last appointed postmaster.

After the few incidents deserving and living appointments.

There has been a resignation for a number of months although he was in the midst of a bitter political fight, on the toga in the last election. Here's congratulations.

Judge Pope Delivers

Address to Graduates.

New Mexico's learned federal judge, Hon. W. H. Pope delivered an address to the graduating class at Santa Fe last week and in it some very good advice to the young people. He said, "And, now, members of the 1913 class, let me give you one word of advice and that is to grasp opportunities. I have heard that while he was president, Mr. Roosevelt kept on his desk that beautiful and inspiring 'opportunity motto' penned by Ingalls. As a seizer of opportunity, national and international, I warmly commend Mr. Roosevelt."

"The Elks will give their second anniversary ball on the 17th.

More about County Printing

Some New Inside Facts Worth Knowing.

No doubt, the people of Curry county have fully made up their minds about the County printing graft and we believe their views are in accord with the eminent speaker at the Baptist church who in speaking on the subject said, "There appears to be something rotten in Denmark." No doubt many are tired of the subject but if they will bear with us in these few remarks on the question, we will promise to let the matter drop for a time for your verdict.

A frantic effort at explanation has been made by a county official in the western part of the county who now owns a shirt full of type and a "wringer" for a press, but he reminds us of the fellow who stole the cow and in the process of securing counsel wrote this to his lawyer:

Dear Lawyer:—
I am in jail charged with stealing a cow—I am innocent but if you will come and get me out, I will give you the cow.

The position taken by the Board of County Commissioners in awarding the county printing contract to the Journal and refusing to even consider the bid of the NEWS for less than half the amount of that paid the Journal, is that the law is mandatory in requiring them to appoint a county printer and that it also stipulates what

the prices shall be etc. That is all true—but the statutes DO NOT provide that they shall not call for bids and then make the appointment of county printer, of the newspaper submitting the lowest bid. FURTHER, the stipulated price of eight cents per line for first insertion and five cents per line for each subsequent insertion in printing delinquent tax lists, is the maximum price set to guard the people against a more exorbitant rate. It is the limit, and it does not necessarily mean that they cannot or shall not have the work done for less.

Now to the point that will brand Mr. Commissioners statement as false.

When the News received the printing of the last delinquent tax lists, from a set of republican commissioners, at which time the writer had no connection with the News the editor of this paper was COMPELLED TO BID for such printing in competition with the JOURNAL and as a result, lost money on the proposition, but that was our loss and the people's gain.

At no time during the incumbency of republican commissioners did the News get all the county printing at full legal RATES but was compelled to bid for it. Do you get that Mr. County Commissioner? In the face of these facts are you still going to try to mislead the

people? Mr. Scheurich was the democratic member of that board, ask him.

Now, while you are absorbing a few facts about county printing, let us ask you, WHY did you give an order to a certain Clovis concern for fifty thousand (50,000) letter heads (best grade) and twenty five thousand envelopes when you did not need that amount? County Clerk Awalt says that supply is enough to last all the county officials for twelve (12) years and with our knowledge of stationery uses, we believe this estimate very conservative.

Is this in keeping with your policy of public economy like the other county printing?

Now, just one more question and we will submit the matter to the jury of Curry County tax payers.

Do you intend to offer remuneration to the county printer in the form of a prompt payment of that \$1006.95 for publishing the last tax list in return for his noble and gallant defense of your position?

Now we have refrained from making any reference to the Pauley Jail contract in which it is alleged there is a discrepancy of some \$200.00 in bids between that concern and the Midland Bridge Co., for the reason that the matter is now before the court in the form of injunction proceedings but we may have something to say about it later. Adios.

Army of Grasshoppers Coming this Way.

Trains Stopped on Pecos Valley Railroad by Appearance of Pests in Large Numbers.

An army of young grasshoppers, covering an area of from fifteen to twenty miles are headed this direction in their journey northward having reached Elida sixty miles south of here on Monday night. According to reports of railroad officials they are so numerous as to seriously effect the operation of trains.

H. M. Bainer, Santa Fe Agricultural demonstrator, sent two men to the infested district Tuesday with a quantity of poison and government experts are now making investigation.

They will have wings soon and by that time will either take or "pass up" Curry county. A despatch from the grasshopper zone says:

Eastern New Mexico is alarmed over the steady approach of an army of grasshoppers, millions in number which is devastating the country immediately surrounding Elida, and are following a general course from

southwest to northeast, moving at the alarming rate of a mile per day.

The territory covered by this formidable army of grasshoppers is variously estimated from twenty to twenty eight miles wide Every form of vegetation, showing a sprig of green is being totally destroyed.

The insect is declared to be of the migratory breed and is expected to be sufficiently developed to fly within six weeks at the outside. When this development is accomplished, the army will move more rapidly but the direction which it will take is a matter of speculation.

The gravity of the situation was recognized several days ago, when telegrams were sent to officials at Washington. This was resultful in ready response, and a government expert has already been sent from Roswell to the devastated and threatened districts. This expert has asked in turn that an entomologist be sent out from Washington, and it is through that this will be done, for the danger is an immediate one and the destruction is of a wholesale character.

It is stated that trains have been greatly delayed while passing through the infested district, certain freight trains having found it necessary to cut out and move in sections. Hope is expressed that appli-

cation of arsenic and bran and Paris Green and bran will prove sufficiently deadly to halt the onward march of the grasshoppers, and these will be used in abundant quantity, as the gravity of the situation is generally recognized. It is believed that the steps toward eradication will prove effective, and that the threatened territory to the northwest will be saved from impending destruction. Meanwhile, the interest is keen.

LATER—Reports have just been made by two Santa Fe experts who have made a complete investigation.

They say that all reports are greatly exaggerated and that the hoppers are really doing little or no damage to crops and that there is no cause for alarm in these parts. The hoppers are not of a destructive variety and not so numerous as first reported.

Judge E. A. Mann, former New Mexico district judge stopped off in Clovis, Wednesday morning while en route to Roswell on legal business. Judge Mann made the News office a pleasant call during his visit in Clovis.

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SALUTATORY.

With this issue of the CLOVIS News the undersigned accepts exclusive editorial management of said paper, and will therefore change its entire political policy from Independent to Democratic. To my many friends throughout the county and state—and especially the State Democratic Press Association (of which organization I am an executive member) it is needless to say that the policy of the CLOVIS News will be in the future (as I have been for a lifetime) Simon pure Democratic. For years in New Mexico your humble servant has through his many newspapers, The Folsom Idea, Clayton Enterprise, Quay County Democrat and Deming Headlight, battled late and early for Democracy and Democratic principles and now after being the target for republican shafts and republican persecution and ostracism—"time" like "justice" has spoken and those grand old Democratic principles (of which we are all so proud) duly vindicated as best for all.

We are proud of our president, Woodrow Wilson and thoroughly in accord with his administration, as also are we delighted with our time honored and much esteemed friend, W. C. McDonald, as governor, and A. A. Jones, whose wise counsel has so successfully guided the party ship to a safe port. And especially are we delighted with our Delegate in Congress and old time personal friend, Harvey B. Fergusson—whose never to be forgotten labors helped us to our present high standing among the states of the Union.

In conclusion, we feel that the country is safe under Democratic administration and to this end we shall ever guide our new bark the "Clovis News." With a desire for both local and national democratic harmony and ever working with that end in view, I remain as ever, yours for "the masses," in general and Democracy in particular.

JAMES E. CURREN.

Miss Gertrude Jones returned from a visit to Claudell, N. M. Wednesday.

Prof. Lewis Mersfelder attended the educational Rally at Hollene, Saturday.

Visit the new Richardson Studio when you want photos of any kind. Best to those who know. E. Grand. tf

It is announced that Joe Benge, who is accused of stealing Ramey's horse will plead guilty to the charge.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Cash Ramey, eighteen months old, fell last week and bent his arm bone.

Henry G. Coors, Jr. returned the first of the week from a visit to points in the western part of the state where he has been for several weeks. Henry is a candidate for appointment as assistant U. S. attorney and his many Clovis supporters are bending every effort in his behalf. It is understood that Summers Burkhard will be appointed U. S. Attorney soon.